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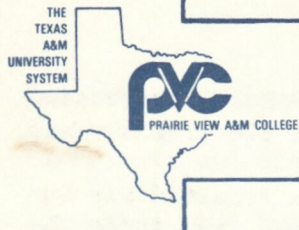
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# CAMPUS BITS

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT WEEK PROCLAIMED

Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, President of Prairie View College has proclaimed March 25-31, 1973 as Honors Week on the campus. The purpose of this joint student-faculty project is to focus the entire student body and faculty on the joys and pleasures of scholastic achievement.

Activities during the week include an Honors and Awards Program, Wednesday March 28 at 7:30 P. M. Alvin Hopkins, a junior Electrical Engineering major from Port Arthur and president of the Association of Jr. Fellows and Jr. Managers will preside over the program. Both academic and student life awards will be presented to various honor students at that time.

The high point of Honors Week, as always, will be the Academic Convocation on Thursday, March 29. It is traditional at this time for the faculty to present themselves in full academic attire to pay tribute to the some 480 students who have earned a place on the Honor Roll for the first semester 1972-73.

Dr. Broadus Butler, President, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana will be the speaker for the Convocation which will be held in the field house at 10:00 A.M. Parents of students and friends of PVC are invited to attend the Convocation.

The President's Annual Banquet for the Honor Students will be held at 7:30 P.M. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. The speaker for the evening will be PVC graduate Brigadier General Julius W. Becton, Deputy Commander, Ft. Dix, New Jersey. Awards, certificates and trophies will be presented to the honor students by President Thomas.

## PANTHERLAND TO HONOR BG BECTON & SP6 LEWIS

On March 29th, PVC will honor Brigadier General Julius W. Becton, Jr., the college's first alumnus promoted to general and Specialist Six Robert Lewis III, who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for the past five years. The public is invited to the honor guard ceremony on the Administration Building grounds at 9 AM and to the honors convocation at 10 A.M. in the Field House where they will be platform guests. These ceremonies highlight academic honors week for the college by combining recognition of student academic achievement with living proof of two Black men's success in their endeavors -- achieving general officer rank and surviving combat's most difficult environment: prisoner of war. Specialist Six Robert Lewis III attended Booker T. Washington High School in Houston before enlisting in the Army in 1966. He arrived in the Republic of South

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## PVC PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DR. PURVIS M. CARTER, Department of History, read a paper in the American Imperialism Session of the sixteenth annual assembly of the Missouri Valley History Conference, March 8-10, 1973, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska. The paper, entitled, "Reaction, Congressional and Public, along the Missouri Valley to Wilson's Caribbean Policy," represents a continued effort to prove a premise relative to the role of facets of public opinion and financial imperialism in the making and the execution of American foreign policy as reflected in the Caribbean case.

REV. W. VAN JOHNSON, Dean of Chapel will be the guest speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Huston-Tillotson, Austin, Texas, March 26, 27, and 28, 1973.

Rev. Johnson will speak on "Finding Answers To Today's Questions."

DR. GEORGE R. WOOLFOLK, Head, Department of History, was nominated and elected to the Executive Council of the Association at the Seventy-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association meeting in Austin, Texas, March 8-10, 1973.

Dr. Woolfolk is the first Negro to serve in the history of the organization. His election was for a five-year term, to be terminated in 1978.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

JAMES E. TUCKER, E.E., '72, grad

is working at his chosen profession at San Diego Gas & Electric Company in California.

Right after Jim received his bachelor degree, summa cum laude, he accepted a position as associate engineer with SDG&E. This California utility company serves 397,000 gas customers and 539,000 electric customers in San Diego County and an adjoining part of Orange County to the north.

In line with SDG&E's policy of challenging its young engineers, Jim was immediately assigned to a special project involving the revision of standards handbook for electrical transmission construction. Jim's work on the project is concerned with developing criteria for standardizing the positioning of electrical equipment on facilities within the SDG&E system. This is an important consideration from the standpoint of maintenance procedures and safe operation.

Another facet of Jim's work concerns the implementation of a computerized Distribution System Management program that will provide basic data for engineering analysis of the distribution system. Jim also is in charge of producing the Transmission and Distribution Newsletter. This publication is distributed to the Company's field forces to keep them informed of new practices and products under consideration by Transmission and Distribution Engineering.

In his spare time, Jim is a member of the Toastmasters' organization and SDG&E's basketball team. While in college, he was a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Alpha Lambda



Chapter of Sigma Tau engineering fraternity, and the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers.

A native of Prairie View, Jim now makes his home in San Diego. His immediate goal is to become a senior engineer for the utility company.

#### WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM SETTING RECORDS

The PVC Women's Track Team participated in three track meets during the month

of February and made outstanding showings for PVC.

At the Houston Astrodome United States Track and Field Federation Indoor Meets on February 10, Carol Cummings placed third, running the same time with the first two places, 6.9 which tied the Astrodome record of '70 and '72. Mary Wallace placed sixth in the 880 yard dash. The sprint medley relay team of Shirley Williams (110); Carol Cummings (110); Charlene Branch (220); and Debra Sapenter (440) took first place with a time of 1:43.4 equaling the Astrodome record set by the PVC Women's Team in '72.

On February 16, the PVC Ladies entered the Ft. Worth (Tx) Indoor Coaches Track Meet. In the 60 yard dash, Carol Cummings placed 2nd; Charlene Branch 5th; Mary Wallace and Debra Sapenter placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the 440 yard dash. The team of Charlene Branch, Shirley Williams, Carol Cummings and Debra Sapenter, set a new record for the Ft. Worth meet in the 4-lap relays.

At Houston (Tx) Madison Relays on February 24, Carol Cummings took

third place in the 100 yard dash with a time of 11.0. In the 440 yard dash Debra Sapenter set a new record and took first place with a time of 54.6, also beating Debra Edwards of Houston Worthing High School, an Olympics participant.

The 440 yard relay team of Shirley Williams, Charlene Branch, Carol Cummings, and Debra Sapenter took first place and set a new record with a time of 46.7. The mile relay teams of Mary Wallace, Shirley Williams, Carol Cummings and Debra Sapenter set a new record with a time 3.52.9. Rosa Balderas took 11th place in the mile run.

We salute the "Ladies from the Hill" and their coach Miss Barbara Jacket.

#### PVC PBTE THRUST PRESENTED AT NAT. CONF.

PVC's thrust in performance based teaching was presented to a national audience at the 25th annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, held in Chicago, Illinois, February 21-24.

The theme of annual AACTE Conference was "Time for Decision in Teacher Education." The theme for the AACTE affiliate, "The Association of Teacher Educators, before which the PVC group appeared, was "Competency-Based Teacher Education. PVC was invited to participate because of the progress being made at the College in the development of a performance-based teacher education program.

Drs. J. L. Brown, chairman, Div.



Vietnam in February 1967. Eleven months later he was captured when a helicopter on which he was a crew member was shot down by enemy fire. Lewis weathered three years of detention by the Vietcong in South Vietnam and two years in a North Vietnamese prison. He returned to US control in March 1973 and is currently on convalescent leave.

Brigadier General Julius W. Becton, Jr. received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics at PVC in May 1960 while assigned to this college as Assistant Professor of Military Science. He has commanded units in combat during both the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. His stateside tours include four assignments at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. Prior to assuming his current assignment, Deputy Commanding General of the U. S. Army Training Center, Ft. Dix, New Jersey he was Chief of Officer Personnel Operations, Armor Branch.

General Becton will share his wealth of experience with Army personnel, Army ROTC Cadets and Navy Midshipmen during seminars after the honors convocation. A graduate of two civilian colleges and four senior service colleges, General Becton will also deliver the honors banquet address at 7:30 P. M. in Alumni Hall.

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of Ed. H. G. Hendricks, Director of Division of Teacher Certification, and Mr. Bill Orman, Director of PVC Performance-Based Teacher Center represented the College.

Dr. Brown discussed the historic background and organization of PVC. He also provided pertinent background data on PVC's decision to move into performance-based teaching.

Mr. Orman presented a pictorial story of PVC's performance-based program. In addition, he explained the Center and its efforts to assist the College staff in identifying areas of competency, designing PBI instructional modules and implementing instructional modules into the on-going program.

Mr. Orman also discussed major activities that have enabled the College and staff to move steadily toward the goal of providing performance-based educational programs for all students enrolled at PVC.

Dr. Hendricks closed the PVC presentation with a discussion of the importance of relating the College efforts to those of the TEA.

The TEA has issued a mandate that all Texas teacher education colleges convert their present teacher education programs to a performance based format by September 1, 1975.

Dr. Hendricks, coordinator for all teacher certification programs at PVC, stressed the necessity for each institution to maintain close contact with its own state agency in the development of a performance-based program.

Dr. Hendricks also discussed the cooperative plans of PVC and the TEA so that the participants could envision successful coordination between a small college and the State Agency.